people of Tiruvalla also. The people were prepared to give additional buildings for holding more classes at their expense. The Member prayed that the L. G. S. school for Girls at Chengannur might be raised to a Higher Grade Secondary school and that the opening of Form IV be sanctioned, with effect from the beginning of the next school-year.

In reply to the Dewan's query, the Member said that the bigger block in the present buildings was the one constructed by the people. He added that, if the H. G. S. school for boys could be shifted to a more decent building, that building which was put up by the people of the taluk the people would be willing to make over for the use of the Girls' school.

Dewan's reply.—The Member's representation will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

136. Opening of a Higher Grade Secondary School at Haripad.

Mr. S. Subbaraya Iyer (Member, T. L. C., Haripad) said that, since the extinction of the Shunmukha Vilasom High School, the want of a Higher Grade Secondary school at Haripad was the cry of the people year after year. The taluk of Kartigappalli was one of the densest in population and the people were anxious to give higher education to their children. The absence of a school stood in the way of meeting the people's requirements. The existence of Higher Grade schools in the adjoining taluk of Mavelikara did no good to the people of Kartigapalli. The contiguity of an already existing H. G. S. school could not be a valid ground for refusing a similar school at the locality. The opening of a H. G. S. school at Haripad was in the programme framed by Dr. Mitchell and it would have become an accomplished fact, if the Shunmukha Vilasom High school had not existed at the time.

The strength of the existing L. G. S. school had risen. The cost of the additional buildings would not be much. The annual recurring expenditure to the Government would be very small. The inhabitants of the taluk were prepared to contribute a decent sum for purchasing additional land and putting up buildings. If the Government extended their sympathy and encouragement, the people would straightaway collect a large sum of money and place the same at the disposal of the Government. The Member, therefore, requested that a H. G. S. school might be started at Haripad as early as possible.

He then presented four memorials signed by the inhabitants of the place containing the same prayer.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

137. Condition of education in the Shertalai taluk and the desirability of raising the standard of the local Lower Grade Secondary School.

Mr. M. R. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Shertalai taluk) pointed out that, though the taluk contributed a substantial revenue to the exchequer of the State, the people did not derive any proportionate benefit from the Government. The means of communication in the taluk were poor and nothing worth the name had been done in regard to higher education. According to the rule that 15% of the population must be school-going children, more than 23,000 boys should be attending the schools from the taluk. But, as a matter of fact, only 9,000 boys were receiving instruction in the several schools. After passing the Third Form, the boys had to go to Alleppey, Vaikom, Kottayam, Ernakulam and other places to continue their studies. Those who studied at Ernakulam obtained Cochin School Final Certificates; but the holders of such certificates were not held to be qualified for Government Service in Travancore. In the local L. G. S. school, there were more than 36 students in Form III. There were not many educated persons in the taluk owing to the absence of sufficient schools. The Member, therefore, prayed that the local L. G. S. school might be gradually converted into an H. G. S. school and that Form IV be opened from the beginning of the next school-year.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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